

COUNCIL POLICY**CURRENT**

SUBJECT: POLICY TO ENCOURAGE TEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL
ACTIVITIES ON PROPERTIES NOT DESIGNATED FOR AGRICULTURE
POLICY NO.: 600-26
EFFECTIVE DATE: August 20, 1979

BACKGROUND:

The City Council recognizes the importance of agriculture which is this region's fourth leading industry. All of the City's "prime agricultural soils" are located within the San Pasqual or Tia Juana River Valleys or have already been built upon. Prime agricultural soils are needed for permanent viable agricultural activities; however, temporary farming can be successfully conducted on lesser-quality soils within the Coastal Climatic Zone.

PURPOSE:

To encourage temporary farming on lands that do not have prime agricultural soils before the owners are ready to otherwise develop these properties.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the City Council to encourage productive management of this City's natural resources including temporary agricultural utilization of properties which are not specifically designated for agriculture in the Progress Guide and General Plan or adopted community plans of the City of San Diego. Such temporary agricultural activity, whether carried on directly by the property owner or by a lease agreement with another party, shall not in any way be construed to indicate that the property should be zoned "agricultural."

It is further the Policy of the City Council that Land Development Permit be required for all agricultural activities to be conducted on previously undisturbed lands to assure that grading and clearing operations do not disturb potentially valuable environmental resources such as vernal pool ecosystems including the rare and endangered "Mesa Mint."

HISTORY:

Adopted by Resolution R-250077 08/20/1979